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ANNUAL MEETING:

Saturday, July 29, 1995
Baltimore Convention Center

GAVEL GAB GREG RUBY

I am writing this latest entry of *Gavel Gab* after returning home from the recently completed Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association (MANA) Convention. At the Awards Breakfast, I was honored to be able to accept the Joseph A. Clarke Memorial Award for the Outstanding Coin Club on behalf of MD TAMS. Several other clubs were vying for this award, but in the judge's opinion our group stood above the rest. Thank you MANA!

I had the honor of meeting Joe for the first time at the Maryland State show in New Carrollton in April 1979. At the time, I was a beginning young numismatist. Joe, and his wife Mae, went out of their way to show me around the show and to offer advice. It is very comforting to see Joe's memory being honored with this award.

Our Swap Meet on September 17 was a great success! Eleven members set up tables and there was some serious horse-trading going around the room. It was nice to see some long lost members in attendance. My thanks go to Dot Hajek and Marge Bursford for supplying the vittles that kept us going! Several of us in attendance were spotted going back to the refreshments more than once!

Several meetings ago it was announced that MD TAMS had agreed to publish a manuscript written by fellow member Moses D. Moore on canning tokens of Dorchester County. After a great deal of effort, this booklet is now available! *Seafood and Cannery Tokens of Dorchester County, Maryland*, a 52 page soft cover booklet can be purchased for \$12.50 postpaid. Only a limited number of copies were printed, so I would send off your request quickly. Orders can be sent to me at Post Office Box 728, Hampstead, MD 21074-0728. Several members were involved in getting this book realized, but I would like to especially thank Mill Hajek for all of his help. There were many times when we had problems, but Mill was always there to pitch in! Thanks, Mill!

How many of you have purchased a copy of MD TAMS member Phil Greenslet's *Medals of Franklin* book that was recently published by TAMS? I bought a copy this summer and have found it to be a most useful reference. I heartily recommend it for your token and medal library.

MD TAMS has a number of members that had articles published recently in other publications. Louis W. Small had an article in the *TAMS Journal*, Curt Judge in *Jerseyana*, and Millard Hajek in *TEC News*! I like to take this opportunity to beg all of our members to please submit articles to Will Mumford for our *Journal*. We have established an award for the best NEW AUTHOR published in these pages. This is in addition to the normal literary awards! So let's get going and submit some articles!

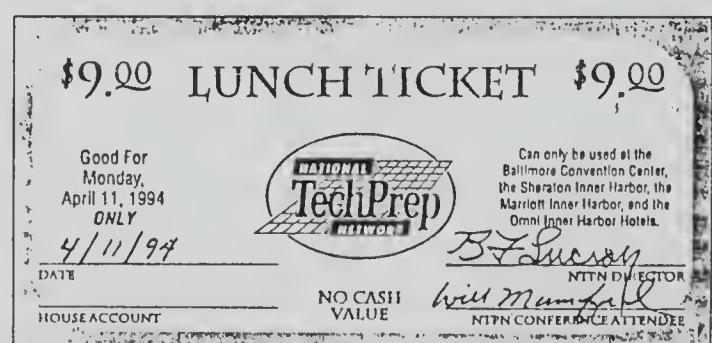
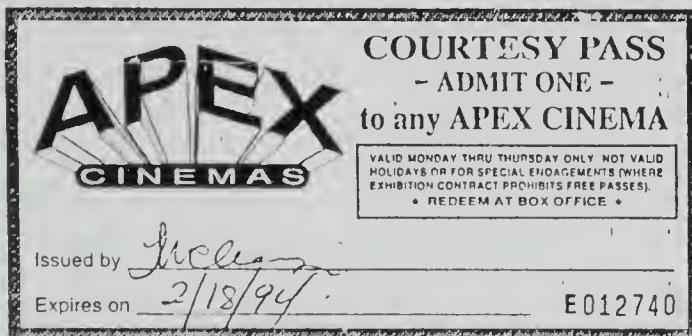
Best wishes for the holiday season! MD TAMS is looking forward to a very active 1995!

J. Hajek

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Will Mumford

I'm just a few weeks away from RETIREMENT!!!...and I can't wait. It's a day that you plan on all your life, but never seems close enough to really count on. But I'm just about there! And it is sinking in to me that it is for real... 14 years ago I retired from the Air Force. It lasted for a whole weekend and I was right back to work as a Professor and administrator at a community college. Since then, I haven't even really taken a decent vacation and I was lucky to be 12 month employee and didn't even get my summers off like most teachers. But now it is for real...The question is always asked, What are you going to do with all your time?" Well for one thing I hope to get the MDTAMS Journal out on time like I used to in my first 7 years as your editor. I hope to be a little more innovative as well...new things such as the Token Teaser which appears in this issue. Got any good ideas...pass them on.



While cleaning up some of my junk, I came across a selection of tickets, etc. which are "Good For" something or another. One an official \$9.00 Lunch Ticket from the National Tech Prep convention held in Baltimore in April 1994. I got the ticket in my convention packet, but the line was so long I didn't use it. Then I found an APEX courtesy Pass to any APEX CINEMA. It expired before I could use it...you can see I don't go to many movies. I then found several pieces of MYRTLE MONEY 1995. Good for \$1 toward the purchase of merchandise at Homestead Gardens Crape Myrtle Festival, July 22-23, 1995...wow! it's still good. My wife will be thrilled. Another expired ticket was good for \$10 off your first Home Shopping Club purchase.(Each note has its own code number!) Do any of you really collect things like these...I guess I shouldn't ask such a question as people will collect anything! I also found about a thousand coupons for just about anything...the Sunday papers are full of these things. I rarely find one I can use so they just get tossed...one of the few things I really toss.

Also have you looked inside your last box of Kellogg's Raisin Bran lately? If not, take a look, not at the flakes & raisins, but on the inside wall of the box! You will find Free Arcade Play certificates each good for four free arcade tokens at Alladdins castle, Putt-Putt or Time-Out Space Port...good until April 30, 1996! Free tokens for your future! So many good deals out there...just waiting!!

We still need more articles for our journal...so even if you are not retired, please help out by jotting some notes on your favorite token so we can keep these pages full of good exonumia stuff. Till next issue here's hoping you all have a nice summer and I hope to see you more often in the future...ah the sweet taste of retirement!!!



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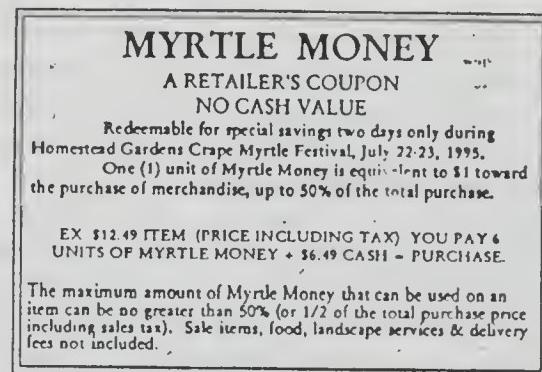
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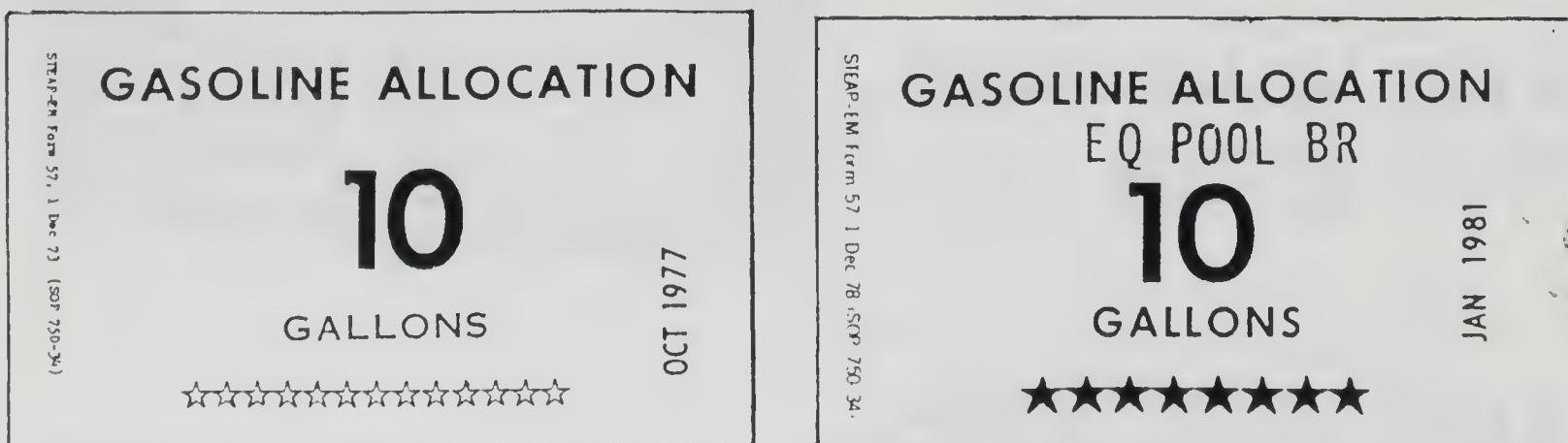
BY WILLIAM R. AYRES, JR.

Do you remember? - and of course many of you do - the time when gasoline became a scarce commodity. It was the mid '70's and those were the days when your wife packed the kids in the car in the early morning and sat in a long line to get to the gas station, for the few gallons they would allow her, so you get to work the next morning. This situation resulted in many wasted hours for everyone and the eventual result was a rapid increase in gasoline prices (from around 30¢ a gallon to as much as \$1.50 a gallon within a very few months). You couldn't travel much unless you used public transportation because there was never enough fuel to be sure you'd get home again. Supplies were scarce for everyone.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, fought the situation by cutting the use of vehicles to the greatest extent possible. They also restricted the use of fuel by rationing. To accomplish this they issued a form of fuel coupon. Every month each on-post agency that used Army vehicles and equipment received an allowance for fuel for that month in the form of coupons in the amounts of 5 & 10 gallons. The agency would then decide which departments got fuel, and how much they would get. There was an attendant on duty at the fuel station and he collected the coupons as fuel was issued. The station attendant had tickets in the value of "1" so he could make change for those not wishing to use a complete 5 or 10.

Eventually, of course, the gasoline industry got the prices up to where they wanted them, fuel mysteriously became plentiful again and the need for (and use of) the coupons at Aberdeen ceased in the early 1980's.

Following are illustrations of some of the gasoline allocation coupons used. The coupons were printed on 8½ X 11 colored paper, 12 coupons to the sheet, all with red lettering.



10 GALLONS

OCT 1977

PINK WITH RED LETTERING

10 GALLONS

JAN 1981

EQ POOL BR

YELLOW WITH RED LETTERING

GASOLINE ALLOCATION
EQUIP POOL BR

10

GALLONS



APR 1981

10 GALLONS

EQUIP POOL BR

SALMON WITH RED LETTERING

APR 1981

GASOLINE ALLOCATION

1

GALLON



1 GALLON

MAY 1981

GREEN WITH RED LETTERING

MAY 1981

GASOLINE ALLOCATION

EQUIP POOL BR

5

GALLONS



MAY 1981

5 GALLONS

EQUIP POOL BR

GREEN WITH RED LETTERING

MAY 1981

GASOLINE ALLOCATION

EQUIP POOL BR

10

GALLONS



MAY 1981

10 GALLONS

EQUIP POOL BR

GREEN WITH RED LETTERING

MAY 1981

Babe Ruth's shrine — How it all began 25 years ago

by William F. Zorzi, Sr.

BALTIMORE — With the return of baseball to both Memorial Stadium on 33rd Street — for a brief period called Babe Ruth Stadium — where the minor league Bay Sox play and Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the Babe's birthplace at 216 Emory Street is having a banner year.

How did this great shrine to George Herman Ruth get started? The year was 1968 — and "Young Tommy" D'Alesandro was the new Mayor. Like his father, a three-term mayor himself, Young Tommy loved baseball.

When Babe Ruth's birthplace was threatened with demolition, an enthusiastic D'Alesandro named the Mayor's Committee for the Preservation of Babe Ruth's Birthplace, to be headed by Charles P. McCormick, president of the world famous spice firm, and Jack Dunn III, then vice

president of the Orioles and grandson of the man who discovered the Babe in 1914.

Sixty other civic notables were appointed to the group. It included superstars like Paul Blair, John Unitas and Willie Richardson and others who would gain similar fame, such as J. Frank Cashen, a great Hearst sportswriter here who became the genius behind the New York Mets.

McCormick's public relations chief, the late Paul E. Welsh, another former reporter, was secretary of the committee, and the



Commemorative coin sold to fund the preservation of Babe Ruth's birthplace, now a Baltimore baseball museum.

Mayor enlisted me, his campaign press secretary, to be chairman of a Policy and Planning Committee.

Paul Welsh and I, with the help of other P.R.-types and our relatives, made up the volunteer work force behind a 50-state campaign to raise the necessary funds. And we needed buckets of money!

It was decided to sell commemorative coins for \$1.00 or more, and we sent sketches prepared by the late Bob Grams, then a Hearst artist, to every sports editor and TV and radio station manager in the nation. The mail drive was a huge success. We filled those buckets in no time!

Then the Mayor's group merged with the Babe Ruth Foundation, founded in New York in 1947. This brought more publicity.

The Babe's home had been saved from the wrecker's ball. The rest is history — a grand and glorious 25 years of it. And you can touch it all at 216 Emory Street in Baltimore.

It is a most fitting shrine. Shed a tear when you visit, if you like, knowing that the Babe first cried in that row house 98 years ago.

(Mr. Zorzi joined the AAA team in 1973.)

(AAA members receive a discount on admission at the Babe's birthplace.)

TOKEN POTPOURRI

BY MILLARD W. HAJEK LM#1

A New KUNKEL'S OPERA TROUPE

One of the most interesting and popular counterstamps of Baltimore tokens is the "Kunkel's Opera Troupe". Several varieties exist including counterstamps on Mexican 1 Real and 2 Reals, United States Large Cent, United States Quarter Dollar and a Bavarian 1 Gulden. These tokens are listed in our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" book by David E. Schenkman as Numbers S60-K205 and S60-K206. Schenkman tells us that:

In 1861 George Kunkel became manager of the old Baltimore Museum and his company was known as Kunkel's Opera Troupe. In 1864 he became associated with Thomas Moxley as manager of the Front Street Theater.

Recently, I had the good fortune of obtaining an unlisted variety of a Kunkel's Opera Troupe token which is pictured in this article. The token is a rare double counterstamp on a Mexican 1821 2 reales coin. The counterstamps are KUNKEL'S / OPERA TPOUPE counterstamped over E. B. MERRILL at right angles to each other.

To date, I have not had the opportunity to try and identify the counterstamp E. B. Merrill, so if any of you researchers out there are scanning some 1860's Baltimore City Directories, see if you can help me identify E.B. Merrill. Hopefully, he then can find a rightful place in our Baltimore tokens listing.



Token Teaser

To stimulate the intellect of those members who want to be intellectually challenged, a Token Teaser will appear in each issue of the Journal. See if you can solve the Teaser and send your answers to the editor. The first correct solution will have his/her name in bold type in the next issue. Others with correct answers will also have their names published, but in smaller type and not in bold... Here's our first Token Teaser...

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Greg bought a collection of old parking tokens used in a parking meter. They were of values 1, 5, and 10 cents. There were 10 fewer dime tokens than nickel tokens and 95 more cent tokens than 5 cent tokens. The total collection amounted to \$4.75 face value. One fifth of the 5 cent tokens were from Maryland; one-half of the 10 cent tokens were from Maryland and four-fifths of the one cent tokens were from Maryland.

- a) *How many tokens did Greg buy?*
- b) *How many of each denomination did he buy?*
- c) *How many Maryland tokens did Greg buy of each denomination?*

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The Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Inc.

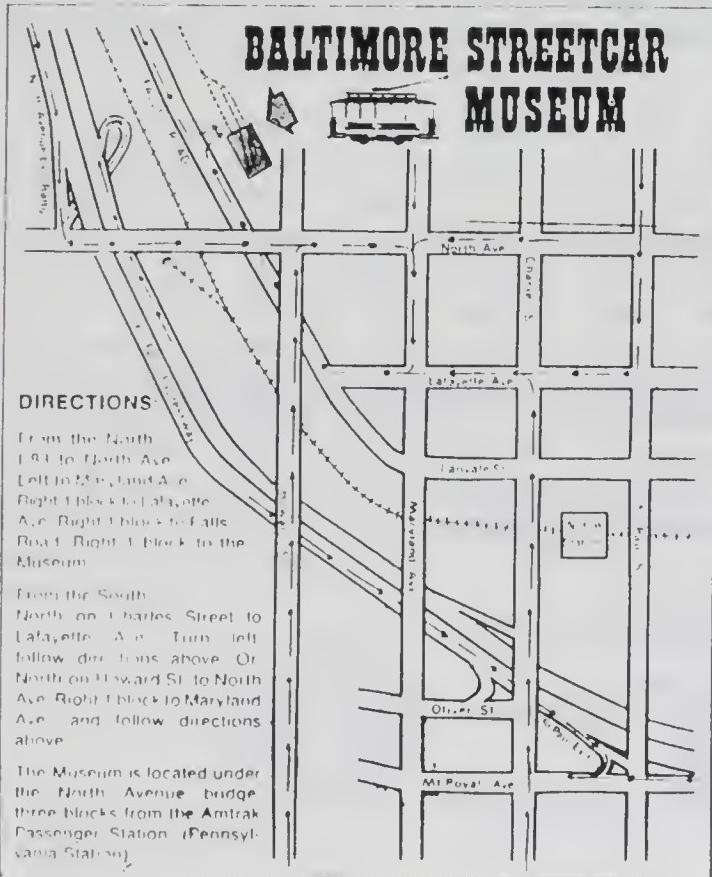
By: Russ Sears

A trip to the Baltimore Streetcar Museum is always fun. One recent Sunday, I decided I was overdue for a visit, and stopped by.

All of the people at the museum are volunteers which means that they love Baltimore's street rail history and the museum dedicated to it. Everyone I have met there has been friendly and often knowledgeable about history.

When I walked into the museum, I found that there is now an entrance fee. Charges are \$ 4 per adult and \$ 2 per child with a maximum family cost of \$ 12. You get a token when you arrive and may use it for a ride on one of the streetcars. After taking a ride, you may have a transfer good for another ride and continue to get transfers through the whole day. Before the entrance fee, you paid for each ride.

Tokens from the Baltimore Streetcar Museum are: 60AQ, 60AR, and 60-AS. The 60AS was new to me, so I picked up one for my collection. It is illustrated and described for your information.



23mm Br.



CANNING OR PICKER CHECKS

by John R. Hammond

In 1900 two brothers, George L. Smith and James T. Smith opened a cannery at Benson, Maryland. They hired help from Baltimore and surrounding areas during the canning season. Many of their help were Polish descendants who traveled from the city to live in the little shanties for the few weeks that canning was at its peak. Beans, peas, corn, and tomatoes were the main produce and workers were given tokens which were worth four and five cents for certain amounts of work. Later these tokens were traded for metal checks of larger denominations which were accepted at face value at many local stores.

In 1907, James T. Smith left the Benson area and began a cannery at Penn Grove, Pennsylvania. His brother continued at the original site and in the early 1930's during the depression opened a second cannery at Newpark, Pennsylvania.

Many canneries flourished throughout the area. On Bradshaw Road at Upper Falls, Jarrett Standford and Will Crossmore operated canneries on opposite sides of the road. Mr. Yost had a cannery at Loreley and Edward Bell and Mr. Rittenhouse operated canneries on Belair Road south of Kingsville. Sometime around 1895, the Royal Blue Express began its run to New York and Mr. Rittenhouse began to ship fresh strawberries to New York City.

The check shown is from the Smith Canneries at Benson, Maryland. These checks can be shined by polishing with a soft cloth and metal polish, but abrasives or cleaners should not be used.



G.L.S.
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reverse blank 30mm

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L. C. SPENCER & CO. AND
SPENCER, AUGER & CO.

By: Russ Sears

A friend and I were talking recently about the Spencer, Auger & Co. hard rubber token. He expressed an opinion that the token may be a Civil War token. Since that possibility was of interest to me, I decided to do a little research. I have indicated on many occasions that there are more Baltimore Civil War tokens than those listed.

In 1860, neither L. C. Spencer nor Jacob P. Auger appear in the Baltimore city directory. The 1863-4 business directory does not show a company listing for either.

L. C. Spencer & Co. first appears in a directory in 1864. The company was L. C. Spencer and Jacob P. Auger and located at 319 Aliceanna. They stayed at that location until 1869-70 when they moved to 325 Aliceanna. In 1871, the company is listed at Jackson and West where it stayed thru 1873. No further listings are noted as of 1874.

J. P. Auger & Co. was listed at 66 Boston between 1870 and 1874. His partner in that venture was Richard Wilson of Albany, N. Y.

In 1877, L. C. Spencer and Jacob Auger are not shown as living in Baltimore City. Several directories show home addresses for one or both as N. Y. It is very possible that they came to Baltimore to begin L. C. Spencer & Co., but did not necessarily live here for the whole time.

What about the hard rubber token from Spencer, Auger & Co.? I believe that it is unlikely that they started that company in 1864 (during the Civil War) and then immediately changed the name to L. C. Spencer & Co. Since the Spencer, Auger & Co. die style looks like Baltimore, I believe the token to be from Baltimore, but feel that the design is representative of the mid-1860's to early 1870's. The oyster design on other L. C. Spencer & Co. tokens is similar to (but not the same as) the oyster on the Spencer, Auger & Co. piece. While there is a remote possibility that it is a Civil War token, this humble writer feels that there is not sufficient evidence for it to be labeled a Civil War token and to be accepted by Civil War token cataloguers as a Civil War token.



Checken fer Pickers

by Will Mumford
MD TAMS LM 18

*...A continuing study of farm tokens used in Anne Arundel County...
The listings continue. Please check these against your inventory and let me
know if you have others or different tokens.*

- J. G. H. J. G. Hollins
 Annapolis
 (Reported to have used checks)
- J. H. H. John Henry Hancock, 1872 - 1962
 Maynards
 (Son of Henry Alfred Hancock, half brother of James
 A. Hancock)
 NV - R
- J. L. H. Joshua Lackland Higgins, 1839 - 1904
 Gambrills - USNA Dairy Farm
 (Son of Major Phillip Hammond of Hammond- Harwood
 House; Grandson of Maj. Gen John Hammond, buried at
 St. Anne's church)
 1 - Oc - 19mm - pe 20 - R - 24mm - be
 3 - R - 21mm - be 50 - Cl - 28mm - be
 5 - Sc - 23mm - be 100 - Sc - 26mm - be
 10 - Oc - 23mm - be
- J. S. H. John Sterling Hawkins, Sr., 1865 - 1894
 Welhams
 (Son-in-law of Hezron N. Kelly)
 1 - R - 20mm - fe 15 - Cl - 28mm - pe
 2 - Sc - 22mm - be 20 - Oc - 22mm be
 4 - R - 22mm - fe 100 - R - 28mm - be
 10 - Sc - 25mm - be 500 - Oc - 26mm - be
- M. H. Marmaduke Hamilton, 1858 - ?
 1 - R - 19mm - pe - Fr
 1/2 - R - 21mm
- O. H. ?
 (initials O.H. are found on the reverse of A.C.W. checks)
- P. H. ?
 50 - R - 23mm
- P. H. & B. Peter Hahn & Brothers
 (Listed under B's)
- R. W. H. Richard Walter Hawkins
 (Brother of James Hawkins. Used checks)
- R. W. H. Rezin W. Hammond
 5th District
 (reported to have used checks)
- S. P. H. S. P. Hamilton
 (reported to have used checks)

W. S. H. William Shipley Hammond, 1866 - 1924
 Ordnance
 (1,246 checks donated to the AACoHS by Dorothy
 Hammond Smith in 1987)

1 - Sc - 25mm - be(224)	15 - Sc - 25mm - be(40)
2 - Sc - 25mm - be(259)	15 - Sc 25mm - be(98)
3 - Sc 25mm - be(161)	25 - Sc - 25mm - be(38)
5 - Sc - 25mm - be(62)	50 - Sc - 25mm - be(41)
10 - Sc - 25mm - be(40)	100 - Sc - 25mm - be(100)
10 - Sc - 25mm - be(44)	500 - Sc - 25mm - be(139)

W. T. H. ?
 1 1/2 - R - 21mm - Fr
 7 1/2 - R - 21mm - Fr

W. W. H. W. H. Hawkins (?)
 Annapolis
 3B - R - 23mm - fe
 6B - R - 23mm - fe

"J"

C. N. J. Cyrus Newton Joyce
 Joyce Lane, Arnold
 (Farmed from 1870 to 1918. Shipped produce to
 Baltimore by steamboat from warf at Joyce Lane.
 Reported to have used checks)

E. J. Enos George Jeffrey, 1866 - 1926
 Dorsey Road, Hanover
 (Reported to have used checks)

E. G. J. Elmer G. Jubb
 Pasadena
 (Reported to have used checks)

F. J. Fletcher Joyce, 1915 - 1940
 Odenton & Millersville
 1 - R
 1 1/2 - R - 24mm - fe - Fr(rays) (1 1/2 on rev)
 5 - R - 24mm - fe

F. J. Frank Jeffrey
 BWI area
 1 - R 50 - Oc
 15 - Sc 100 - Oc
 20 - Sc 500 - Oc

G. A. J. George Albert Jenkins, 1892 - 1960
Mt. Carmel on-the Bodkin, Pasadena
(Farmed "Bob's Hill". Checks are corroded as they
were recovered from a well. Son of Gustavus G.
Jenkins)
1BKT - R - 21mm - pe
4BKT - R - 21mm - pe

G. C. J. G. C. Jenkins
Tick Neck Road
6 - R - 24mm - fe
10 - Sc - 22mm - be

G. G. J. Gustavus G. Jenkins, 1847 - 1915
Stoney Creek, Jacobsville
5 - R - 23mm - fe
5 - R - 24mm - pe (rev "not transferable")
6 - R - 24mm - fe
10 - Sc - 22mm - be (2 var)
20 - Oc - 22mm - be (2 var)

J. A. J. James Albert Jenkins, 1863 - 1933
Jenkins Road, Rivera Beach
1 1/2 - R - 21mm
7 1/2 - R - 21mm

J. C. J. James Clinton Jacobs, 1882 - 1967
Severn
(Brought pickers in from Washington, D.C. before
getting them from Baltimore. Relatives believe the
"R" is for Raspberries)
1R - R - 28mm - be 20 - R - 24mm - re
2R - Oc - 28mm - be 25R - R - 24mm - be - Al
2 - Sc - 22mm - be 50 - R - 22mm - fe
5R - Cl - 28mm - pe 50 - R - 21mm - be
10R - Oc - 23mm - be

J. H. J. John Henry Joyce, late 1860's - 1905
Glen Oban
1Qt - R 21mm - be

J. I. J. ?
NV - R 24mm - te (J.I.J on both sides)

R. J. & Sons Robert Jarrell, Jr.
1BKT - R

S. J. Summerfield Jackson, 1863 - 1945 (Black Farmer)
Hanover
(Family recalls tokens)

MD TAMS CLASSIFIED

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WANTED FOR MY PERSONAL COLLECTION. Tokens issued by J.F.W.Dorman and F.X.Koehler. Millard Hajek, 1404 Harberson Road, Baltimore, MD 21228. (F94)

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